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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING

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- 1. GOA HAS NO PROBLEM WITH DEVOTING THE ENTIRE FINAL SESSION OF THE FORTHCOMING AZS COUNCIL MEETING TO THE WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (MORNING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 8).
- 2. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, ACTING FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEFENSE DIVISION, DFA, SAID AUSTRALIAN FONMIN PEACOCK HAD SPECIFICALLY TAKEN EXCEPTION TO THE IDEA OF CONCLUDING THE SESSION ON "WORLD POLITICAL OUTLOOK" (SCHEDULED FOR MORNING SESSION WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, WITH SPILL-OVER INTO AFTERNOON SESSION), AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3 ON ARMA LIMITATION -- INDIAN OCEAN, SALT, CTB, NPT, INFCE. PEACOCK SAID IT WAS HIS EXPERIENCE THAT AGENDA ITEMS PERMITTED TO CARRY OVER FROM A MORNING SESSION INTO THE AFTERNOON ALMOST INVARIABLY END UP CONSUMING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON SESSION. PEACOCK IS SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED ABOUT EVOLVING EVENTS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO REQUEST US AND GNZ CONCURRENCE IN CONFINING AFTERNOON SESSION TO "ASIA AND THE PACIFIC."

3. BECAUSE THIS REQUEST CAME FROM FONMIN PEACOCK

HIMSELF, RATHER THAN FROM FUNCTIONARIES IN DFA, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS US CONCURRENCE WITH PROPOSAL THAT US TAKE THE MORNING SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8; AUSTRALIA THE AFTERNOON SESSION ON THE SAME DAY; AND NEW ZEALAND THE FINAL SESSION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9.
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